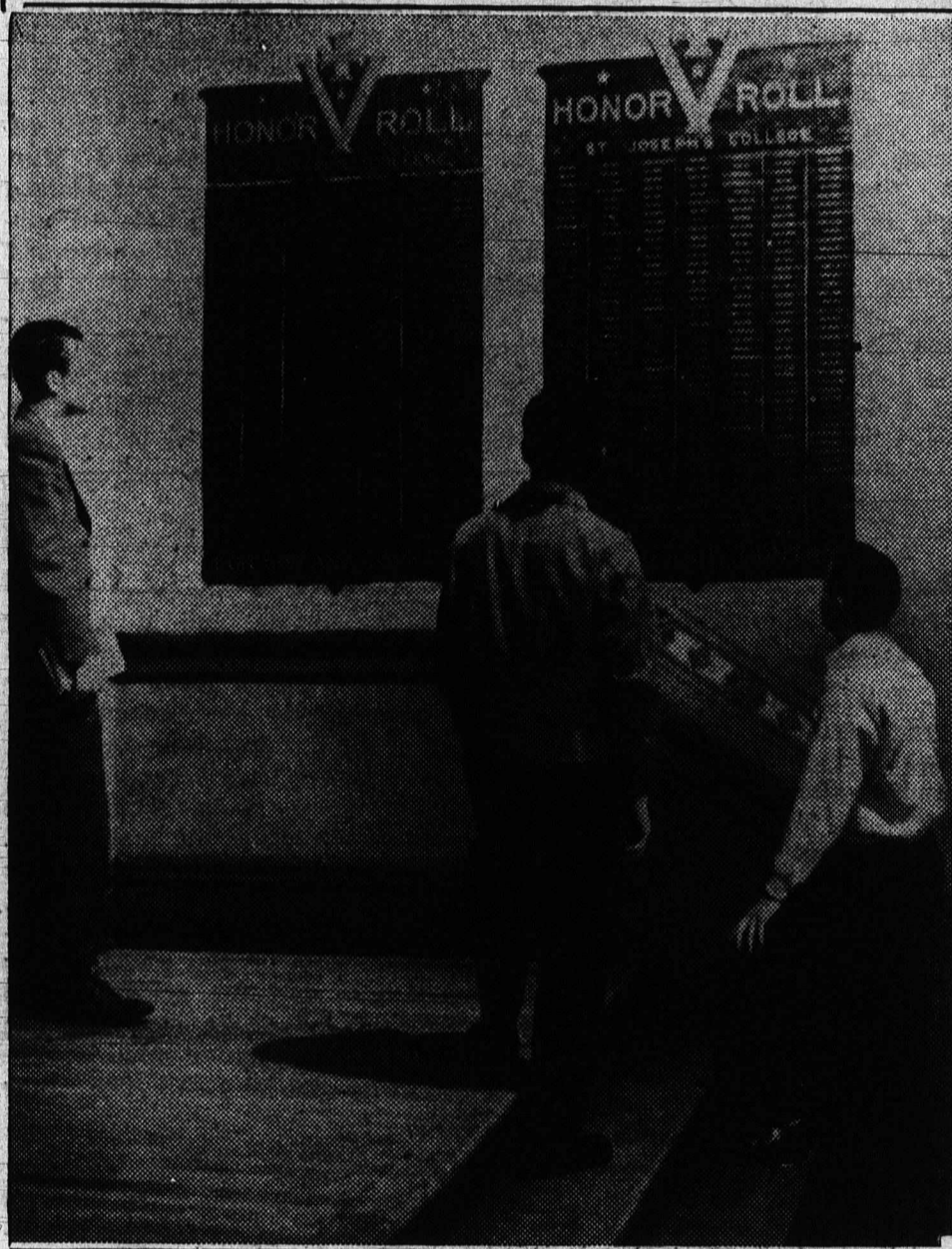


## DOCTOR LUCKS NEXT PRESIDENT

The Reverend Doctor Henry A. Lucks, C.P.P.S., has been appointed President of St. Joseph's College. He will succeed the V. Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., whose term of office expires with Commencement, May 21. This official announcement was made by the V. Rev. Joseph M. Marling, C.P.P.S., Provincial of the Society of the Most Precious Blood and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College. It will go into effect after Commencement.

Father Lucks studied at the University of Notre Dame, the University of Illinois, and the Catholic University of America, receiving his doctorate in philosophy at the latter place. He has been teaching philosophy at St. Joseph's; he has filled the office of Registrar, and he is at present Dean of Studies.

## FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



## Over 800 Alumni Now Serve In Armed Forces - Sixty-Three Chaplains, 143 Officers Listed

Representing over 800 alumni of St. Joseph's College known to be serving with our armed forces—over twenty per cent of the total number of alumni—a service honor roll fittingly hangs in the College Chapel where Benediction is held each evening for their welfare.

Of this total, sixty-two men, including Brigadier General, the Rt. Rev. William R. Arnold, Chief of Chaplains, are members of the Chaplain Corps. Over forty of these are members of the Precious Blood Order.

One of this group of chaplains, Lieut. Clement Falter, C.P.P.S., professor of modern languages here until his enlistment in the army, was the first American chaplain killed in this war. He lost his life while landing at Fedahla, North Africa, Oct. 7, 1942.

Nor is St. Joseph's lacking in commissioned officers, for over 140 already have received commissions, while many more are stationed at naval and marine V-12 schools and at Midshipman and Marine Officer Candidate schools throughout the land.

Statistics on our alumni, which are faithfully kept by Brother Cletus Scheuer, C.P.P.S., head of the publications' mailing department, reveal among our officers one Lieut. Colonel, two Lieut. Commanders, one Commander, five Majors, fifteen captains, and the remainder Lieutenants or Ensigns.

However, the story of our alumni is not without its sombre chapter, since thirteen gold stars mark the supreme sacrifice of the following men: Chaplain Clement

Falter, George Bernes, Paul Couzins, Martin Draths, Ralph D. O'Riley, Harry Raterman, Kenneth Rhoades, Paul Stenz, Frank Yirga, Robert Fordyce, Leo Glockner, Paul Dornmeyer, and Joseph Sonnefeld. Eight of this group were members of the Air Corps.

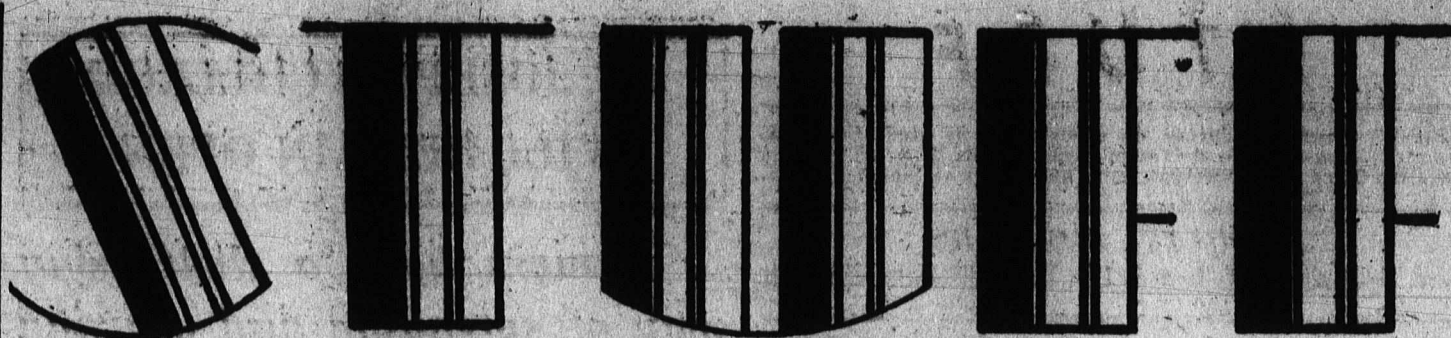
With over 100 men already overseas and with the great crises ahead, St. Joseph's hopefully rededicates itself through prayer and by contact through her publications to her scattered alumni serving in the cause of their country.

## Rev. Albert Wuest In Science Seminar

At a Science Seminar held Wednesday, April 19, in Science Hall, a lecture was given by the Rev. Albert Wuest, C.P.P.S., professor of chemistry.

Father's address, entitled "Synthetic Rubber," emphasized the importance of the product, both during and after the war.

The Rev. Alfred Zanolari, C.P.P.S., professor of physics and mathematics, will speak at the next seminar on May 3.



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# Academy Father--Son Day Plans Complete

## Music Lovers Get Spring Tonic From St. Joseph's Band

That annual "Spring tonic" will be given to St. Joseph's music lovers again this evening, (April 29), as the College Concert Band offers its spring recital under the baton of Professor Paul Tonner, B.Mus.

There will be overtures and pieces that we all know well, yet still love to hear. However, a new touch will be added by some less familiar—yet appealing—numbers.

A treat in color will accompany the music this time, since a novel stage setting in the spirit of spring has been arranged. The brilliant red of the band will stand out against a background of trees, satin green drapes, and a rainbow variety of lights.

Introduction and "Star Spangled Banner" — Smith

"Hungarian Comedy"—Overture — Linke

"Glow Worm" — Linke

"On the Trail" — Grofe

Cornet Quartette—"Minuet in G"

Soloists: Williams, Volk, Ruschau, Kalmanek

"Pizzicato Polka" — Strauss

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Trombone Special — Keller

Soloists: Gerlach, Kissner

"The Voice of Freedom" — Rubinstein

Overture—"Poet and Peasant" — Suppe

Clarinet Solo—"Scene and Air" — Bergson

Soloist: Wise

Clarinet Trio—"Nocturne" (Modernistic) — Suppiger

Soloists: Barry, Wise, Brungardt

"In the Hall of the Mountain King" — Greig

Saxophone Quartette—"Largo" — Handel

Soloists: Pukelis, Murar, Rodak, Gazda

"Over There"—Famous Songs of World War I — arr. Lake

## AT BIBLICAL MEETING

To Chicago, Ill., for the annual joint meeting of the American Oriental Society and the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis April 14-15, went the Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., President of St. Joseph's College.

## Schenk, Klein Win Essay Award; Second Places To Giese, Bender

William Schenk, sophomore Community student, won first prize of \$20.00 in the college division of the annual Alumni Essay Contest. Choosing for his title, "Thomas Reborn," he wrote on the late G. K. Chesterton.

Under the title, "Of All Men—Everywhere," Vincent Giese, junior philosophy major, developed a theme on the four freedoms; his essay merited second place and a prize of \$5.00.

Honorable mention was given to Donald Green, community student, for his essay, "Diamond of the Classics," an appraisal of the poet Francis Thompson. There were six entries in the contest.

## Send Out Personal Invitations To Dads For May 7 Program

Final arrangements for the observance of Fathers' Day on Sunday, May 7, by St. Joseph's Academy are completed and personal invitations to the dads have been sent out by the committee, composed of the Revs. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., chairman; S. H. Ley, C.P.P.S., and Carl F. Nieset, C.P.P.S.

Opening the day's celebration will be a ten o'clock Solemn High Mass, which will be celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Walter Pax, C.P.P.S., Principal of the Academy. The Very Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S.T.D., President of St. Joseph's, will give an address of welcome.

## Friendly Hour

After a "Friendly Hour" in the Raleigh Smoking Club at 11:30, which will bring together the dads and the academy faculty members, a banquet at 12:30 will be enjoyed by all.

On the speaking program are Richard Scharf, coach of St. Joseph's, and Frank McGrath, head basketball coach at Weber High School, Chicago, whose lightweight team won the All-City basketball tourney this year. His heavyweight team won the Northeast Chicago Catholic Tourney.

## Present Awards

At the banquet academy variety and intramural awards will be presented, and the newly organized academy glee club will make its first appearance.

Festivities of the day will culminate with a procession of fathers and sons to the Grotto, where Benediction will be held and an address will be given by Father Dirksen.

## Curtain Club Play Will Be Presented In Theatre, May 6

With its light touch of snappy comedy and pleasant satire, the coming Curtain Club production, "Friday, The Thirteenth," under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Paul Speckbaugh, C. P.P.S., moderator of the club, should add to the Fathers' Day celebration over the coming weekend. The play will be given Saturday evening, May 6.

The cast has been busy at rehearsals for the past several weeks, while other club members have put in much time backstage in preparing the set, which will be in a modern regency style. Though severe and plain, the set, nevertheless will give an effect of luxury and richness.

This satirical comedy is sympathetically dedicated to Chicago's "Anti Superstition Society," of which the Jinx Club in the play is a prototype. One wonders if they don't need sympathy if they keep many pets such as "Beelzebub," the black cat, and "Diabolo," the pet parrot.

## The following is the cast:

Jeffers — Joseph Condich  
Harvey — William Volk  
George — LeRoy Klein  
Richmond — Fred Giere  
Dick Vail — Neil Ott  
Pond — R. Kissner  
Sam — Bernard Royle  
Simmons — Norb Landino  
Tybert — Fred Hunnefeld  
Mike — R. Hoying

## Raleigh Club Members Brave Elements For Annual Picnic

Though the weather looked rainy all day, the "swimmin' hole" water was chilly, and the cow pasture was humpy for softball, members of the Raleigh Smoking Club had an enjoyable time at their annual outing to the sand pits last Wednesday, the feast of St. Joseph.

Marching "en masse" to the pits after the 8:30 High Mass and accompanied by Father Edward Maziarz, C.P.P.S., prefect of Seifert Hall, the group played softball, roasted hotdogs, then played more softball, while a few of the "polar bears" braved the chilly waters for a quick swim.

In the feature game of the day, upper Seifert Hall drubbed out a win over the lower Seiferites. Special and unexpected entertainment was provided by wrestling matches between roommates or bosom buddies, juggling by Al Prosser, and ditch digging by Kentucky Bob Poage, who followed thru on a rumor that gold is buried in "them thar sand pits."

After the goosepimples dried and Poage stopped digging, the fellows filled their pipes with tobacco, stuffed their shirts with left-over food, and headed back to the campus. All agreed that a good time was had by all—even if Bob Williams did eat all the beans.

## Academy Division

In the academy, fourteen pupils submitted manuscripts in competition for the Alumni Essay award. Leroy Klein will receive the first prize of \$20.00 for a contrast of the world of yesterday and today entitled "But Today." He is a senior in the Community group.

Another member of this group, James W. Bender, won second prize of \$5.00 for an essay on Hamlet Garland entitled "A Son of the Soil." Stephen Barry, a senior among the secular students, merits honorable mention for a familiar essay, "The Enchantment of Distance."

# STUFF

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## POLICY

- (1) To constantly urge prayer and work in the hope of a lasting, early World Peace.
- (2) To make every effort to keep campus reading and campus speech clean.
- (3) To promote frequent attendance at Mass, the Sacraments, and evening Benediction.

**GOOD PEOPLE.** Have you ever noticed the Good People? They are a consolation in this modern, materialistic world which constantly tends to draw people away from goodness. Much can the world learn from observing and knowing the Good People. Much can we, especially as college students who have tended, in our selfish, intellectual pursuits, to become independent, perhaps conceited, and surely ego-centric, learn from knowing the Good People.

Often we see them—though not often enough. And not nearly as often as we should, do we try to become one among them. Good People are humble people. They are resigned to God's will. They are charitable. They work as they pray; and they depend on both. Good People are visionary people, for they direct this life toward eternal life. Yet they are realistic. To them life is a battle, indeed; but a battle to be won and withstood. These traits are among those that characterized Good People.

When you were home on your Easter vacation, didn't you notice some Good People? Didn't you see them Holy Week crowded into cathedrals or little frame churches? Didn't you see their clutched rosaries, open missals, or bowed heads? Didn't you smile at the little children who genuflected on the wrong knee and tripped over the kneelers; but who had their rosaries with them? Didn't you marvel at the larger families in the Easter parade? Or didn't you see the overall-clad slipping in and out of church on their way to and from work? Didn't you shed a tear with that mother who lit a vigil Easter morning—the day of hope—in front of a service honor roll? These were Good People, people of faith, hope, charity, and humility, people of love.

From these people, then, let us learn much. Let us practice their simple, but sublime virtues in our life at college. Let us avail ourselves daily of those easily accessible complements of our faith—daily Mass, benediction (for the alumni), etc.

Because of our independent, self-centered, provincial lives here, we tend to lose our grasp on those fundamental expressions of charity, humility, hope, and faith. We tend to forget that no matter how much knowledge we might possess, in the sight of Him who is All Truth we still are human beings groping for the hem of his garment. We are Catholics. That makes all the difference in the world. And who should be the Good People, if not the Catholic people? To have a good society, the world must be made up of Good People. At present, the world is sadly lacking Good People.

Often we hear rumors which begrudge our presence in college during this period of war. Yet if we are living as Good People we are doing more than anyone in bringing to the world lasting peace, for we—because of our education—someday will be expected to be leaders and to share heavily the problems of the post-war world. To do the most good in this work of securing lasting peace, we must be men of sound moral principles. We must be Good People.

## ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE WILL REMAIN OPEN

*Rumors have a distressing way of spreading and growing as they spread. Some friends of St. Joseph's have somehow received the impression that the college will close this fall. Speaking for the Board of Trustees of the college, I can assure Alumni and friends of St. Joseph's that no such action is contemplated. New developments in Selective Service System policies will, of course, reduce the number of students still more drastically but the college will make every effort reasonably possible to accommodate students seeking admission to St. Joseph's.*

ALOYS H. DIRKSEN, C.P.P.S.  
President

## SELECTED EDITORIAL

Prepared by Roman Rodak and John Murar and given as one of the reports at the last meeting of the D.M.U. members studying Communism.

Our present attitude toward Russia is somewhat foggy. It was not many years ago that our newspapers were denouncing Russia and Communism. Today, the reverse is taking place; Russia is being extolled. She is entitled to this praise, too, because of her magnificent resistance to the Hitler war machine. But to what lengths must we Americans go in extolling the feats of our Russian allies?

The name Russia is almost synonymous with Atheistic Communism, and consequently to some it seems impossible to praise the works of one without praising the other.

If, on the one hand a citizen should criticize Communism he is branded by the "Commies" as a "Smeared" or "Fascist" who is retarding the cause of the Allies by criticizing Russia and thereby causing disunity. This, however, is not the case. True Americans must be opposed to Communistic principles, for they are contrary to the American form of life. Whereas freedom of the press, worship, and the pursuit of happiness are "promised," they do not exist actually, as may be seen in Russia. Although Communists "promise" democratic government, they contradict themselves by setting up Dictatorial regimes wherever they have government control.

We Americans look to Russia as our military ally and will assist her in every way possible. This we owe to her as her ally. But we do not sanction Russian Communistic activities, for they are opposed to American Democratic ways. It does not follow, therefore, that since we proclaim Russia as our military ally that we must likewise approve of her Communistic principles. On the contrary, Communism is still our enemy.

## BOOKS ARE WEAPONS

Through much of a student's time must necessarily be spent in learning from the past, nevertheless he should also keep in touch with the happenings of the day. He should be conscious of today's thought, today's discoveries, today's literature. A vast part is unimportant, but a study of current problems from the proper point of view is essential in molding Catholic Youth. Every student should have a special interest and follow it—keep abreast of the times in that particular field.

The College library offers a wide choice in contemporary reading matter. A partial list of the magazines of general interest follows:

America; Nature; Catholic Action; Newsweek; Catholic Digest; Popular Science; Catholic Mind; Reader's Digest; Catholic World; Science Digest; Commonweal; Science News Letter; Current History; Sign; Current Biography; Time; National Geographic.

With the reading of current problems will come an informed, intelligently concerned Catholic man.

## WITH OUR ALUMNI

Just when we begin to worry about what is to go in this column, a few scattered letters come in and help us out. To those of you who have been writing consistently, thanks a lot. How about the rest of the alumni following suit... Jack Peffer, V-12 marine at Purdue, dropped in at St. Joe recently. Though engineering courses take up most of his time, Peff found time to win a letter in boxing at Purdue this winter. Now, along with Pat O'Brien, here in '41, and Don Schrenk of last year, Peff is out for spring football under former coach Joe Dienhart. ... Bob Obergfell, here in '41, is V-12 at Purdue.

From New Caladonia comes a word-packed V-mail letter from former sports editor, Johnny Feicht whose heart still is at St. Joe. Johnny bumped into Don Brinkoeter "over there." However, Don is headed for the states—scheduled for Notre Dame. ... A pleasant surprise arrived here recently in the form of a letter from Ven. Fr. Simeon Keogh, O.F.M. Cap., now in novitiate at Huntington, Ind., with the Capuchin Fathers. Unable to write letters, except with dispensation, Bill asks us to give his regards to Johnny Feicht and Len Herriges. He writes, "In spite of the razzing I got at St. Joe, I have grown a little fuzz on

my chin, and also wear sandals. My burr hair cut would make Bro. Dave's look cheap."

Promotion has come to Pfc Pee Wee Shaw at Laredo, Texas. He was picked as a discussion leader in the new army "orientation" program, designed to keep our soldiers informed on the war. Pee Wee is making studies along those lines now. ... George Ellspermann is comfortably and happily at home in Midshipman School, Cornell University.

Deep in navigation, seamanship, ordnance, damage control, and recognition at Midshipman School, Columbia, U., is Paul Birkmeier, January graduate. Paul recently saw Don Kremp, who was passing through New York on his way to Connecticut U., after a seven-day furlough. ... At Camp McClellan, Alabama, doing clerical work in the payroll division is Cpl. Cliff Riede. Art Hector just landed at Columbia Midshipman School. ... Seeing their bit of New York recently were Little Johnny J. Murphy, Hugh Davey, and Jim Boland. ... Murphy, having finished submarine school and now in advanced quartermaster school, is with Paul Reichert at New London, Conn. ... At Camp Crowder, Mo., is Pfc. Richard Trost studying radio repair in frequency modulation. Dick's ASTP unit was broken up.

## CAMPUS CAPERS

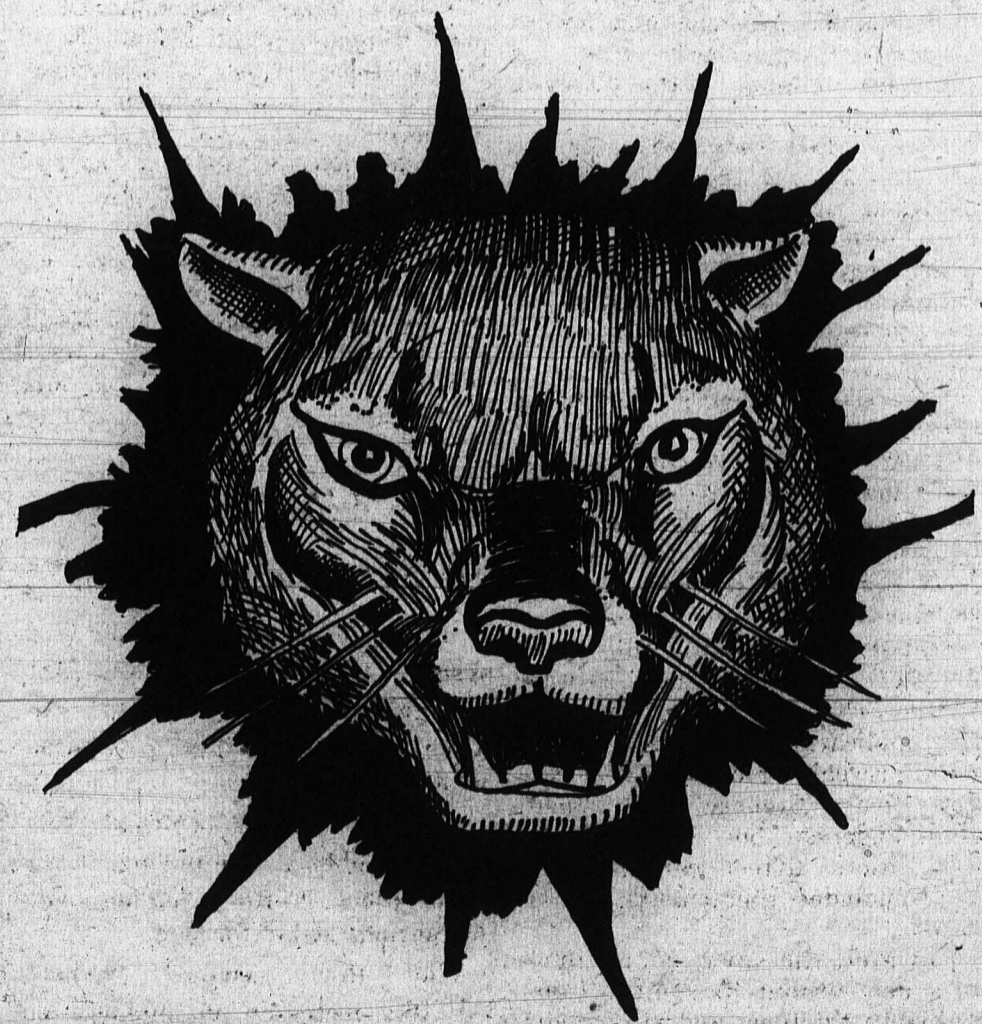
Seifert Sights: The Third Lieut. and his haw-haw boys, Stepladder and Fritz, marching in formation, usually winding up at Joe Marsupial's den of TS slips. ... Joe Gambler showing ethics into Mops Berto—all for two bucks, too. ... "Sheet man, pay dat bill." ... The dee dee dee boys ring-dingin' in Milford's room. ... The polar bears—who will be arguing to June 1 over who will jump first into the April waters. ... DoDo searching with a lonely heart for boxie. Give in, boxie. DoDo is touchy about these things. ... Poage—saxaphoning his way thru college. (It sounds more like a fire extinguisher.) ... Maybe we shouldn't talk, however. ... Duke—taking wooden dolls to bed. (Shut up, DoDo) ... Awbree—trying to polish (not Polish) off Burger. ... Murphy—teaching Gray evolution. ... Callahan—campaigning for voluntary referees. ... Long John—singing the praises of vaseline. "The slicker the tube, the better the results." ... Pop—reading Leona his thesis. ... Yeah, Seifert Sights! More interesting than thirty minutes a day in an encyclopedia, eh hawk-shaw? ... Richard Girt has been using glass sound tubes to spread the water

over the physics lab in his new experiment with the mop. ... It seems that Chuck Klein will have to wear a wig even to play the part of a negro in the next play. ... Sam Pelletier uses three-base hits to sanction the fact that He does know something about baseball. ... Obviously Doc Fushie wishes that there would be such names as Paderewski, Beethoven, etc., under the titles of the great swing music hits and the arrangements of Spike Jones. At least he has been getting their records mixed lately. ... So long 'til Joe June issue.

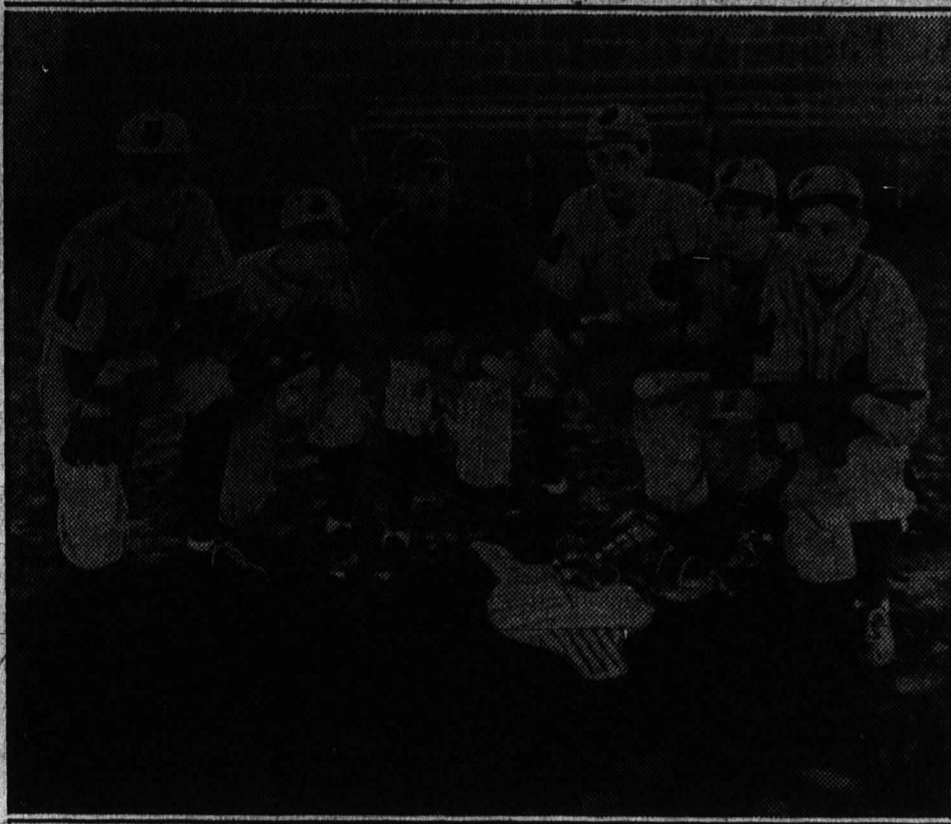
## CUB CAPERS

Have you noticed. ... Jim Nolan's burr hair cut. Guess that he is trying to look tough; you better watch out, Goss, he is gunning for someone his size. ... Jerry Beck's new coat. What are those big humps under it? Are they really your shoulders, Jerry? ... Earl Redden's long face, must be that the rain is too much for the big time manager. ... Tony "Sack-O-Wicz's" face. He is bearing a big ear to ear smile. Could be that triple to left center. ... "Rusty" Scheidler's big fat eye. What is her name, Rusty.

## COLLEGE DAZE



War Weary—But Still Fighting



Coach Dick Scharf holds conference with his batteries. Left to right, Jack Hummel, Tex Ritter, Coach Dick, Bob Eder, Steve Nyikos, Leroy Hess.

## Lafayette, Indianapolis Beat Cubs In Spring Openers

Playing their first baseball game of the season, the Academy Cubs were beaten by Jefferson High School, Lafayette, Ind., on St. Joe's diamond April 18, by a 10-2 margin. Tex Ritter, pitching his first game, was faced with loose fielding; but he, first baseman Tony Serewicz, and Steve Nyikos showed up well.

Serewicz took top honors with a triple to left center which drove in a run.

St. Joe	AB	R	H
Steffes	3	0	0
Serewicz	3	1	1
Fecher	2	0	1
Hermann	3	0	0
Ritter	2	0	1
Eder	2	0	1
Ash	3	0	0
Gaynor	2	1	1
Smith	1	0	0
Nyikos	2	0	0

Totals 23 2 5

Traveling to Indianapolis to play their second game of the season, the cubs were defeated by Cathedral High School, 7 to 6. However, the Cubs were ahead in the second inning, 4 to 1, in the fifth inning, 6 to 4; and in the sixth inning 6 to 5. Hitting singles and playing for "squeeze plays," Scharf's squad chalked up six runs. Both infield and outfield played very good ball.

Steve Nyikos pitched four innings, striking out five men. Then Ritter took over for the last three. He held the team scoreless for two innings.

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## Father Edward Roof Offers Lessons In Tennis Fundamentals

Instructions in the fundamentals of tennis are now being offered to those students in the academy interested in the sport. Though the season has just begun, many students have eagerly turned out for the classes, which are conducted daily by the Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., Athletic Director.

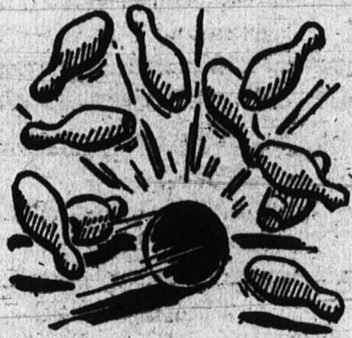
Thus far, emphasis has been placed on the grip, impact, follow-through, forehand swing, backhand swing, and other basic fundamentals.

Because of the carry-over of this sport in later life, and since the game requires only two players to participate in it, Father Roof believes the game should be learned and enjoyed by all with any interest in sports.

In spite of the inclement weather, the college courts are in excellent condition. However, Father wishes to impress on the players that tennis shoes MUST be worn.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

Because of an insufficient number of college students to form a softball league, a horse shoe tourney is being planned by the Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., Athletic Director. The tourney will begin May 8, immediately after supper. The names of those interested will be solicited this week.

Three intramural softball teams were formed April 17, under the supervision of Brother Louis Stock, C.P.P.S. Each team has ten players. The following are the captains and co-captains: F. Clark (Capt), D. Clemens (co-capt); J. DeMere (capt), Bob Kremp (co-capt); C. Erhart (capt), and C. Teaney (co-capt). The teams play every day.

To be awarded at the Fathers' Day banquet May 7 is the recently acquired Inter-Scholastic academy basketball trophy, which this year will go to Bob Eder's winning academy intramural basketball squad. The trophy will rotate from year to year.

Guests on the campus April 13-14 were the grade school basketball squads of St. John's parish, Whiting, Ind., and of St. Mark's parish, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Playing an exhibition game April 13, St. John's beat their friendly rivals 36-28.

The winter's soot in the powerhouse barely had time to settle on the croquet balls, before the spring air called them forth into action again.

Thus once again the professors gather about "ye pasture pool" courts near the powerhouse for friendly, scientific games. Among the mallet-swingers are Fathers Fehrenbacher, Lucks, Gross, Bonifas, Zanolar, and others.

Who has the spring fever, Father?

A Pool tournament started this past week in the academy club-room, under the guidance of managers Jim Dennison, Dick McDevitt, and Bill Hawkrigg.

Winners thus far in the first round are DeMere, Lambert, Hardy, Weihsrauch, O'Donnell, Daugherty, Schmitt, Thieme, Firestone, Hartlage, and Lucot.

Tests in both college and academy physical training courses are being given, stressing mostly the fifty-yard dash, the baseball throw, football punt, broad jump, and discus throw.

In the academy seven captains were chosen: J. DeMere, B. Kremp,

C. Erhart, R. Doherty, A. Clemens, J. Lucot, and B. Stolle.

Managers of the academy club-rooms, Bill Hawkrigg and Dick McDevitt, during the past several weeks made several new improvements in the rooms. They were assisted by Stan Wisniewski.

The pool table was re-covered and three new card tables with four chairs for each (received from the former Monogram Club) were added. Also, a radio was placed in the room.

Calls for ice cream and other refreshments now greet John Deegan and Jim Frommeyer, academy students, who have relieved Joe Bauman of the management of the J Cafe.

## Fathers Lucks, Kern At Registrar Meet

In attendance at the annual meeting of the American association of Collegiate Registrars, held April 25-27 at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, which this year brought together many of the outstanding educators of the country, were the Rev. Dr. Henry Lucks, C.P.P.S., Dean of Studies, and the Rev. Cletus Kern, C. P.P.S., Registrar.

Problems of post-war education, evaluating the credits many youths now are receiving in Army-Navy college programs, formed the nucleus of the many conferences, which featured talks by such men as Dr. F. Reeves, Chicago U.; George Rosenlof, U. of Nebraska; C. E. Dammon, Purdue U.; and Lieut. Comm. Earl McGrath, Bureau of Naval Personnel.

Father Kern attended a special session of the Indiana registrars on Wednesday.

## Bros. Victor Zuber, Joseph Minch, Fred Baechtel On Mend

Improving as well as may be expected, is eighty-five year old Brother Victor Zuber, C.P.P.S., college mailman, who has been returned from St. Elizabeth's hospital, Lafayette, Ind., to Dwenger Hall.

Brother Joseph Minch, C.P.P.S., college plumber, recovering from a removal of varicose veins, at St. Bunard's, Chicago, is steadily improving. He will return to the college soon. However, last Thursday, April 27, Brother Fred Baechtel, C.P.P.S., college carpenter, entered the hospital at Lafayette for a minor operation.

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## Collegeville News Briefs

As spring comes in, bird banding records soar. Already the total number banded thus far this year surpasses 1,600—number greater than the total for 1941 and 1942. It also exceeds the number which stood at this time last year by 1100.

Of this number, there are over 800 starlings and 400 juncos. Twenty-one species are included, of which some are rare in this territory. Assistants Leo Herber, Les Fullenkamp, and Joe Condich—with 160 bagged in one evening recently—broke the record for the total number caught in one evening.

Back in the bird banders fold for a night, was Al Hurley, former student here who now is in medical school at Marquette, with the U. S. Army.

Celebrated with a Solemn High Mass on April 26 was the feast of St. Joseph, patron of the college. The Rev. Rufus Esser, C.P.P.S., assisted by the Revs. Caspar Bonifas, C.P.P.S., and Lawrence Heiman, C.P.P.S., celebrated the Mass.

Classes were called for the day and many of the students took advantage of the "breather" to go picnicing and swimming.

Class rings for both the college and academy arrived recently from the Jostin Co. of Owatonna, Minn.

The senior class pictures, which were taken by Alex Frechette, Fowler, Ind., were also returned to the academy seniors. Each received a dozen small portraits and one enlargement. A group picture containing the individual portraits was finished by Frechette. It will hang in the academy study hall.

Not that STUFF is worried, but two rival newspapers appeared recently in the Academy. Woodfrid Foster, with his "Joe Puma", was the first to offer a weekly publication. He was followed by John Firestone, who is endeavoring to put out a larger and better "sheet", the "Joe Academy."

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